

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 8, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my vote for rollcall No. 193. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 193—"yes"—Providing for consideration of H.R. 2634, Jubilee Act for Responsible Lending and Expanded Debt Collection Act.

**GONZAGA UNIVERSITY SENDS  
TEAM TO SUSTAINABLE DESIGN  
EXPO**

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of a team of college students making a difference in Africa. A student team from Gonzaga University has been selected to present their project, "West African Technology, Education, and Reciprocity, WATER, for Benin," at the 4th Annual National Sustainable Design Expo on April 20–22, 2008.

The goal of the WATER for Benin project is to address the clean water shortage that many developing nations are currently facing. Through their participation, students learn about contemporary health problems in Africa and their contributing factors; the relationship between water, sanitation, and causes of morbidity and mortality in Africa; and communication skills for providing culturally appropriate health education.

In August of 2007, 17 students from eight academic programs, and three faculty members, traveled to Benin. At the Songhai Center in Porto-Novo, this group trained staff to make inexpensive, effective drinking water filters. Through leadership, community building, and personal sacrifice, these students created innovative ways to solve the water crisis. Their exhibit, on display at the National Sustainable Design Expo, chronicles the research and development the students implemented in order to find the best technology to provide clean water to the people of Benin.

Madam Speaker, many of us take something as simple as having clean water every day for granted. I commend these students for responding to the needs of the developing world and helping them to move toward sustainability. I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Gonzaga University team on this great accomplishment, and for being chosen to compete for the EPA's prestigious P<sup>3</sup>—People, Prosperity, and Planet—Award.

**HONORING CAROLDYNE AND  
HERSHEL SWEDLOVE**

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, on June 14th, 2008, the Congregation Emanu El of San

Bernardino, California, will present to Caroldyne and Hershel Swedlove the prestigious Rabbi Norman F. Feldheim Award. The Rabbi Norman Feldheim award was established in 1983 to pay tribute to those members of the Congregation Emanu El that reflect the Rabbi's qualities of love and loyalty to the synagogue, service to their community, and the personal traits of humility and kindness.

The Swedloves have been members of the Congregation Emanu El since 1966. They have long been active in supporting the congregation's endeavors, most notably their annual sponsorship of the Rosh Hashanah congregational luncheon. Caroldyne has been especially active in the community, as a member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Emanu El. She has taught in the Religious School there, while also volunteering in the Sisterhood Gift Shop. Hershel was a regular volunteer in the congregation's major fund raising activities, an effort that enabled the synagogue to pay off its mortgage.

I am sure that the Swedloves are most proud of their family's involvement in the synagogue as well. Their four sons Jerome, Sheldon, Randall, and David all attended the religious school, were Bar Mitzvahed and confirmed in the synagogue and are now all active members of the Congregation as well.

The Swedloves have been an important part of the Jewish community in the Inland Empire for years, as members of Paradise B'Nai B'rith and the Redlands Jewish Club, and as supporters of Jewish homes for the Aging and the Western States Jewish Historical Society. As owner-operators of Morris Automotive Supply in Fontana since 1962, they have been prominent members of the business community as well. Well known for their family traditions and unquestioned integrity, the Swedloves have been honored by the Fontana Chamber of Commerce for their excellence.

I am honored to recognize Caroldyne and Hershel Swedlove for their commitment to our community. I congratulate them on an honor well deserved on the 117th anniversary of the chartering of the congregation in San Bernardino. May both the Congregation Emanu El and the Swedloves continue to serve San Bernardino for years to come.

## A TRIBUTE TO RODNEY D. HUDSON

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Rodney D. Hudson, founder and president of QuickSilver Analytics. Graduating with a bachelors degree in chemistry from Cameron University in 1974, Rodney went on to earn a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Delaware in 1982. QuickSilver Analytics is a registered service-disabled veteran-owned small business, specializing in chemical and biological warfare-related services and products. Rodney Hudson has been named the SBA's Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for 2008.

Mr. Hudson was an Army Chemical Officer for over 21 years. He managed numerous chemical warfare materials (CWM) sampling and analysis (S&A) projects. Mr. Hudson has

been directly involved with all aspects of chemical warfare agents for over twenty years, including CWM storage, laboratory procedures for environmental S&A, the operation of equipment for air monitoring, quality assurance/control, and major project management.

Mr. Hudson is a veteran of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. While in the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm, Mr. Hudson evaluated and briefed the Army Headquarters Staff on the potential chemical downwind hazards from destroyed Iraqi chemical storage igloos. He managed the collection, reporting and deployment of the only remote chemical monitoring and biological detection teams in the theater of operation and coordinated the transportation of all suspect chemical and biological samples to U.S. laboratories.

President of the Maryland Chapter of Elite Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (SDVOB) Network, Rodney is also a member of the American Chemical Society, the Association of the United States Army, the National Defense Industrial Association, and the Society of American Military Engineers. Rodney has been a strong advocate for service-disabled veterans, lobbying the Maryland State Legislature to award three percent of all Maryland state contracts to service-disabled veterans. He has counseled several business owners on techniques and opportunities currently available to SDVOB owners and on ways to improve their business volume.

Mr. Hudson has worked tirelessly taking from his personal time to offer counsel to veterans who are considering starting a business. He has garnered the support of the MD Secretary of Veterans Affairs for his efforts and has provided a conduit for information flow to state legislators and the governor on issues important to Maryland SDVOB owners. Mr. Hudson has reached out to county government procurement personnel and introduced the Maryland Chapter of the Elite SDVOB network at last year's Maryland Association of Counties Conference.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Rodney Hudson. His legacy as a successful business owner in the defense industry is surpassed only by his tireless advocacy for service disabled veterans. It is with great pride that I congratulate Rodney Hudson on his being awarded the SBA's Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year.

## RECOGNIZING REBECCA SIMPSON

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 22, 2008*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rebecca Simpson on achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award. Receiving the Gold Award is a testament to Miss Simpson's leadership, citizenship, and service to her community.

For her Gold Award project, Rebecca Simpson assisted 400 families from Gainesville, Texas who were displaced by the floods in the summer of 2007. Miss Simpson collected necessary household items and personal toiletries and delivered them to the Gainesville Relief Center for distribution. The local Girl Scout Council had specifically called for Girl Scouts